



Statement of Faith

God's Word

I believe the King James Bible alone is the preserved Word of God for the English speaking people. It is infallible, inspired, and inerrant. The Bible is authored by God and is sufficient to show man's need of a Savior, the way of salvation and to provide instruction for living a life of faith pleasing to God. (**Psalm 12:6,7; 100:5; 119:89,152,160; Proverbs 30:5; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; I Peter 1:23,25; II Timothy 3:15,16; Romans 10:17**)

The Godhead

God is revealed in Scripture as three persons, but one God. The three that make up the Godhead are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God's omnipotence was demonstrated when He spoke the world into existence. As the infinite Creator of the universe, He is Lord over it. He alone holds the right to judge all of creation. Among many attributes, He holds primarily the attributes of holiness, love and mercy. (**Genesis 1:26,27; John 1:32,33,34; Luke 3:22; John 10:30; Acts 17:24; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16; 2:9; Philippians 2:10,11; Exodus 3:14; II Kings 19:15; Nehemiah 9:6; I Peter 1:15,16; John 3:16, Psalm 90:2; Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 57:15; Ephesians 2:4; Romans 5:8**)

Mankind

Mankind is God's crowning creation which was made in God's own image. Having been created with a free-will, man fell through disobedience to God's Word and sin was brought into the world. Sin brought death upon the human race and separation from God. Man's eternal destiny without God's merciful intervention is the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Man may be saved from this fate through God's plan of salvation for mankind. (**Genesis 1:26,27; Hebrews 2:6,7; Romans 5:12; Isaiah 59:2; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:14,15; Romans 10:13**)

Atonement

The Bible states that the wages of sin is death, and that without shedding of blood is no remission. The Lord Jesus Christ died for the sin of all mankind according to the Scripture as a representative and also a substitute for man. His shed blood is sufficient to justify all who place faith in Him and accept God's offered gift of salvation. (**I Corinthians 15:3,4; Hebrews 10:4-19; Romans 5:9-11**)

Salvation

Salvation from sin and its subsequent consequence is necessary for mankind. Salvation for man is God's intended purpose and plan. God has made provision for man to be saved through the atonement made by His only begotten Son dying sacrificially on Calvary's cross. This free gift is obtained through belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the acceptance of His redemptive work. (**Ephesians 2:2,5,8,9; Titus 2:11; Acts 4:12; Genesis 3:15; John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:19,21; I Corinthians 15:3,4; John 1:12**)

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Security

All who have accepted God's gift of salvation are re-born children of God. As children of God, saved individuals cannot be unborn, but are secure in their salvation for all eternity. **(Ephesians 1:13; 2:5,6; 4:30; John 3:15,16; 10:27-29; Romans 5:8-10; 8:31-38; 10:10-13; I John 5:10-13; II Timothy 1:12)**

Christ's Resurrection

Jesus Christ, after spending three days and nights in the earth following His death on the cross was literally raised from the dead. He lives eternally and is fulfilling the office of priest and advocate. **(Psalm 16:10; Matthew 17:23, 28:6; Acts 2:24; Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:1)**

Bodily Resurrection

The Bible teaches a literal bodily resurrection of all people, saved and unsaved. The saved will be resurrected to life everlasting with the Lord, while the unsaved will be resurrected to everlasting punishment. **(Romans 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10; Job 19:26; Hebrews 9:27)**

Second Coming

The "Blessed Hope" for the believer is the personal, pre-tribulational and pre-millennial, imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, at which time the Church will be gathered together unto Him. **(Acts 1:11; II Thessalonians 2:1-10; II Thessalonians 1:7; I Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 20:6)**

The Church

The Church is a local assembly of scripturally baptized believers united to fulfill the great commission. The church of which Jesus Christ is the head, was instituted by Him for the purpose of carrying out the great commission. Jesus promised that as an institution it would remain perpetually until His return to earth after His ascension. **(Acts 2:41; Matthew 28:19,20; 16:18; II Corinthians 5:20)**

Autonomy

Each local New Testament Church is to be autonomous. A church is to be independent from all foreign governing authority. The head of each local church is Christ. The church is to be led by a pastor, who is acting as an under-shepherd. A church has only two Scriptural offices, that being the office of a pastor and that of a deacon. **(Ephesians 5:23; Acts 6:3,4; I Peter 5:1-4)**

Baptism

Baptism is to be administered to a saved person who voluntarily submits to it. Baptism is authorized by a local church and is to be practiced by immersion in water. **(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41,42; Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:36-38)**

Future Judgment

The Bible teaches that after life on earth, all people will face judgment. Judgment is made according to the things committed while on earth and will determine degrees of reward for the redeemed and punishment for the lost. Man's destiny in eternity is determined by God's judgments pronounced on mankind. There are two destinations ultimately for man after death; one is Heaven and the other is the Lake of Fire. Those reconciled to God will enjoy His presence in Heaven while those who have rejected His gift of redemption will be separated from Him in the Lake of Fire. **(Hebrews 9:27; Romans 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11,12,14,15; John 14:3; II Corinthians 5:8)**